## STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; limb-girdle muscular dystrophy (LGMD) is a general term used to describe a group of genetically inherited neuro-muscular diseases that cause progressive weakness and wasting of the muscles in areas including the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

WHEREAS; LGMD can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, or background, and it is estimated that the condition impacts anywhere between one in 14,500 and one in 123,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS; individuals and families affected by LGMD often experience obstacles such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding medical experts, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

WHEREAS; research is ongoing and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes of the disease, but there is still no known cure or treatment and a large share of the burden of raising awareness continues to fall on patients and families affected by LGMD; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the global LGMD community in raising awareness and embracing hope that further research will soon lead to better treatments and, ultimately, a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2021, as

## LIMB-GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State